

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 2, 2008.

Claims 1, 13, and 25 are currently amended, claims 2, 3, 14, and 28 have previously been canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1, 4-13, 15-27, and 29-37 are now pending and subject to examination in this application.

Interview Summary

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Wanda Negron and Supervisor David Ometz for the courtesies extended to the Applicant's representative Mr. David D'Zurilla during an in-person interview at the United States Patent Office on June 11, 2008. The claims and prior art were discussed, but no agreement was reached on the claims.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 4, 10, 13-22 and 25-31 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiore et al. (WO 02/082275 A1), hereinafter referred to as Fiore, in view of Ogawa et al. (US 5857,044), hereinafter referred to as Ogawa.

Claims 5-8, 23, 24, 32-34, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiore et al. (WO 02/082275 A1), in view of Ogawa et al. (US 5857,044) as applied to claims 1-4, 10, 13-22 and 25-31 above, and further in view of Brown et al. (WO 01/13637 A1), hereinafter referred to as Brown.

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiore in view of Ogawa as applied to claims 1-4, 10, 13-22 and 25-31 above, and further in view of Arazi et al. (US 6,330,025 B1), hereinafter referred to as Arazi.

Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiore in view of Ogawa and Brown, and further in view of Arazi.

The Applicant has amended the claims to recite that there is a direct comparison between a time stamp of a data annotation and an image count when searching for a segment of images. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 11, lines 12-14 where it is stated that "the time stamps of data tags found from the search can be compared to the video count of the video to identify the video segment of interest." Further, page 3, lines 12-14

disclose “storing a link that links the stored data annotations to corresponding image segments of the stored images so that the data annotations can be used to search for an image segment of interest.” A practical example of such a direct comparison would be in the instance when an operator knows that there is, for example, one hour of recorded video data, and that there are 120,000 frames in that one hour of video data. Then, at the half hour point of that video database, the frame number will be approximately 60,000. That is, the operator can *directly* compare the half hour time stamp with the 60,000 image count.

The Applicant respectfully submits that since neither Fiore nor Ogawa discloses this feature, neither Fiore nor Ogawa, either alone or in combination, render the claimed subject matter obvious. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed subject matter is patentable over the cited references, respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under § 103, and respectfully requests a notice of allowance of the claimed subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2140 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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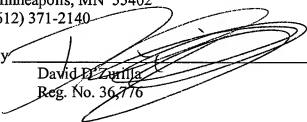
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